

REMARKS

The specification of the subject U.S. patent application, as filed, as constituted by the German language text of PCT/EP2004/051376 has been cancelled in favor of the accompanying Substitute Specification.

Original claims 1-11 and replacement claims 12-22 have been cancelled. New claims 23-39 have been added. New claims 23-39 are the English language version of the claims currently pending in the PCT application and have been rewritten more in a form in accordance with U.S. practice.

No additional filing fee is believed to be required. The number of claims is not greater than the number paid for with the filing of the application, the processing fee for filing the English translation later than 30 months was paid for with the filing of the application.

Entry of this Second Preliminary Amendment into the file of the application before the examination of the application on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

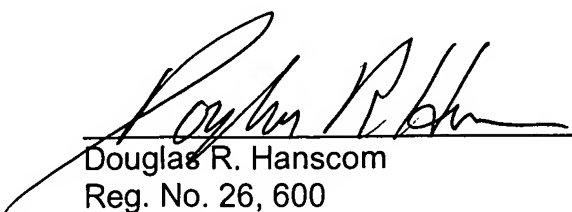
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